

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 5 are currently pending in this application. Pursuant to the September 27, 2007 Office Action, claims 1 and 5 were allowed and claims 9, 12, and 14-16 were rejected. By way of this Reply, claims 9, 12, and 14-16 have been cancelled from this application.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 and 5, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Respectfully submitted,
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